

COUNCILMAN MARK KERSEY

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT



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Priorities in the New Year



In my seventh year of service to District 5 residents, my priorities for the community remain steadfast: rebuilding San Diego's infrastructure, improving public safety and modernizing government.

I appreciate the opportunity to continue chairing the City Council's Committee on Infrastructure, which is renamed the Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The committee will also oversee our region's transportation efforts including planning, transit services, parking, municipal airports, walkability and bicycle programs.

Progress continues on rebuilding San Diego, including District 5 neighborhoods. Roads that had poor OCIs (overall condition index) received much-needed repaving this fiscal year, including Paseo Jenghiz and Paseo Albacete in Rancho Peñasquitos, Mesa Madera Court and Sunset Ridge Drive in Scripps Ranch and Picaza Place and Carranza Drive in Rancho Bernardo. To kick off the new year, slurry seal maintenance work is currently underway in our district. I remain committed to advocating for District 5 communities and look forward to more smooth streets in our neighborhoods. Please visit streets.sandiego.gov for information on future and ongoing street repair.

To ensure our communities are safe, brush management throughout the District and fully staffing the San Diego Police Department remain priorities. Under Police Chief David Nisleit's leadership, there were 130 Academy hires in 2018. This year, two new recruitment incentive programs will go into effect, helping us achieve a fully staffed department by 2020.

The Center for Digital Government recently ranked San Diego second nationwide for innovation in government. The ranking reflects the City's focus on increasingly using data and technology to create a more efficient and effective city government. I'm proud of my role spearheading our Open Data initiative and other efforts for which the City was recognized including:

- Making San Diego the largest city in the nation to have a user-friendly [online portal for public records requests](#);
- Providing dozens of city datasets to the public through the City's first [Open Data Portal](#);
- Broadcasting live all City Council Meetings via [CityTV](#), with online archives available 24/7;
- Deploying the [Get It Done](#) application which allows residents to report neighborhood issues, including potholes, graffiti and illegal dumping, with recent expansion to include reporting to nine City departments.

I am always open to feedback and invite you to contact me at MarkKersey@sandiego.gov or at 619-236-6655. I look forward to a productive year and working with my new colleagues on policies that serve all San Diegans.



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City Boards and Commissions



The City of San Diego has 49 boards and commissions that offer an opportunity for individuals to volunteer their service on significant matters.

Boards and commissions may be fiduciary, regulatory, policy-setting and/or advisory. In all cases, member contributions are invaluable to the Mayor and the City Council.

Agendas, minutes and meeting information, plus lists of current and upcoming vacancies are available at <https://www.sandiego.gov/boards-and-commissions>

City Seeks Nominations for Recycling Award



If your business or organization took steps to increase recycling or reduce waste in 2018, the City of San Diego wants to recognize your efforts.

Each year, the Environmental Services Department (ESD) recognizes San Diego businesses and organizations that have implemented or expanded innovative and successful waste reduction and recycling programs, as well as recycled product purchasing programs.

Applications are due February 8, 2019. Learn more at <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/business/advantage>

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Through January 23, District 5 residents can continue to drop off Christmas trees for recycling at the following locations:

- Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center, 18448 W. Bernardo Drive
- Canyonside Recreation Center, 12350 Black Mountain Road
- Scripps Ranch Recreation Center, 11454 Blue Cypress Drive



In addition to the drop-off sites, residents with curbside yard waste recycling service can recycle their Christmas trees by cutting them into 3-foot sections and placing them in their yard waste containers. Recycling trees helps reduce the amount of waste going into our landfill and converts trees into high-quality mulch and compost at the Miramar Landfill Greenery.

Community Spotlight: Big Brothers, Big Sisters of San Diego County



This fiscal year, I'm proud to support [Big Brothers, Big Sisters of San Diego County](http://www.sdbigs.org) with District 5 Community Projects, Programs and Services funding. The Big Brothers Big Sisters mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong one-on-one relationships that change their lives for the better.

BBBS is especially in need of Big Brothers and those who are bilingual in Spanish. Specifically in District 5, there are currently more than 20 "littles" waiting to be matched with a mentor. If you're looking to give back to the community in a fun and meaningful way, I encourage you to get in touch with the non-profit. Learn more at <http://sdbigs.org/volunteer/>

Thank You for Supporting Local Military and Veteran Families



Last month for the holidays, I teamed up with Support the Enlisted Project for a toy drive to benefit military and veteran families struggling with financial hardship. To the many generous District Five residents who contributed, thank you! Your donations made the holidays brighter for more than 45 local military families.

Check out the [recap video on my Facebook](https://www.stepsocal.org/) and learn how STEP's "Sharing the Joy" toy drive is just one way the non-profit helps military and veteran families build financial self-sufficiency throughout the year.
<https://www.stepsocal.org/>

Remembering Athens Market Café



Athens Market Café was opened in Carmel Mountain Ranch 25 years ago by Nick and Vickie Anastasopoulos. Their restaurant quickly became recognized in the North County region for their authentic Greek and Mediterranean cuisine, inspired by Vickie's family recipes. Over the years, they graciously gave back to various community partners.

After two decades, Nick and Vickie retired with plans to visit Greece and spend more time with their grandchildren. As they enter this new chapter of life, I wish them the best and was honored to present them with a Districtwide proclamation, recognizing them for their memorable dishes and continuous support to the Carmel Mountain Ranch community.

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Community Calendar

PQ Certified Farmers Market

Saturdays, Salmon River Rd and Fairgrove Lane

<https://www.facebook.com/PQCertifiedFarmersMarket/>

Recycle Christmas Trees

Through Jan 23, Various Locations

<https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/events/christmas>

Technology for Older Adults

Jan 14, Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/technology-older-adults-75>

Mayor Kevin Faulconer's State of the City

Jan 15, Balboa Theater

<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/all/themes/sandiego/assets/dist/media/sotc/index.html>

Free Social Media Tips

Jan 18, Conference Call

<https://chamber.sdbusinesschamber.com/events/details/free-social-media-tips-conference-call-01-18-2019-21926>

San Diego Restaurant Week

Jan 20-29, Various locations

<https://www.sandiegorestaurantweek.com/>

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Jan 21

Basic Computer Class

Jan 23, Rancho Bernardo Library

<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/basic-computer-class-158>

Scripps Ranch Theater presents *Dancing Lessons*

Jan 25-Feb 24

<http://www.scrippsranchtheatre.org/current-season/>

Coding Club (middle and high school age)

Rancho Penasquitos Library

<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/coding-club-61>

Lunar New Year

Feb 5

Get It Done San Diego

Get It Done San Diego is the official app for reporting non-emergency problems to the City of San Diego. You can report problems like potholes, graffiti or illegal dumping and connect directly to the City's work tracking system. Download the mobile app at

<https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done>



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